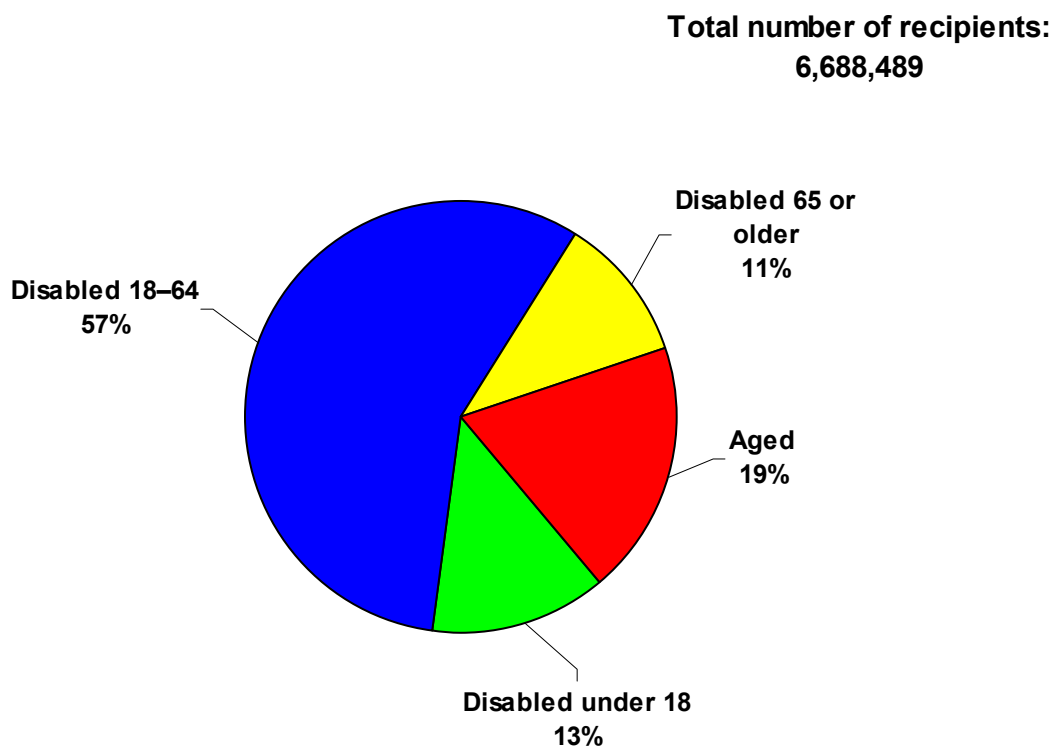

Chart 1.
SSI recipients, by eligibility category and age, December 2001

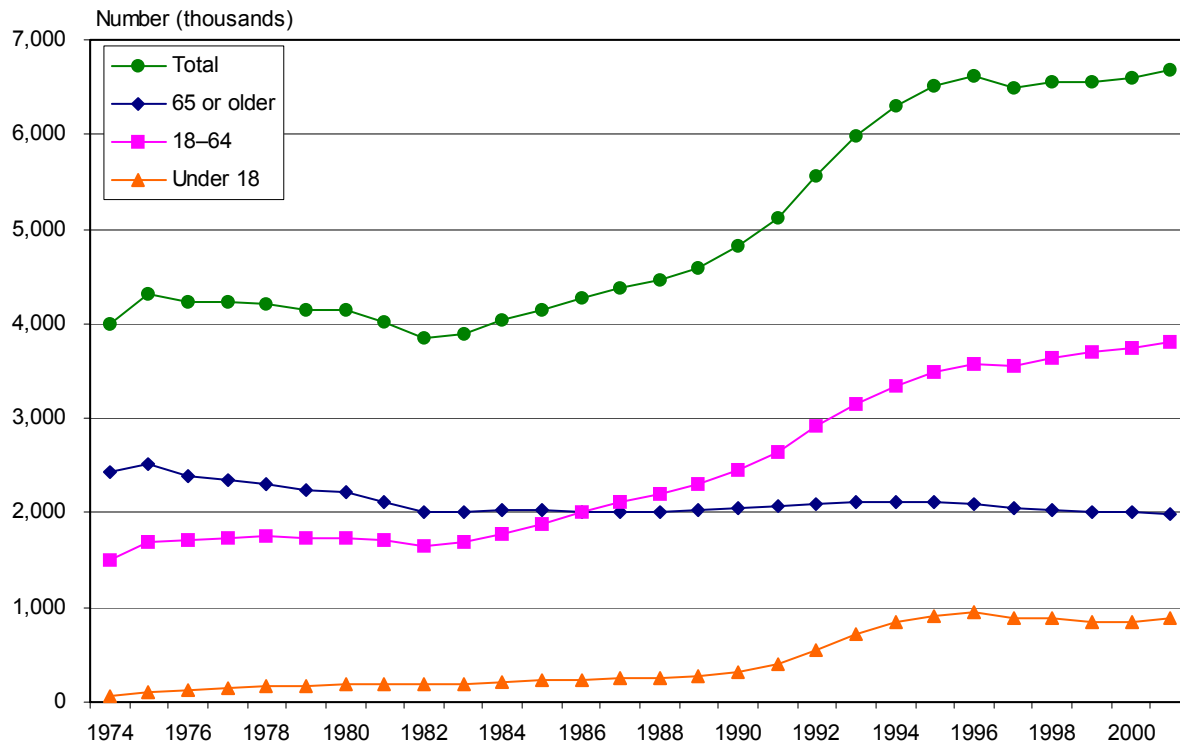
In December 2001, almost 6.7 million people received SSI. About 80 percent were eligible on the basis of disability: 57 percent were aged 18 to 64, 13 percent were under 18, and 11 percent were 65 or older. The remaining 19 percent were eligible on the basis of age (65 or older).



SOURCE: Table 3.

Chart 2.
Number of SSI recipients, by age, 1974–2001

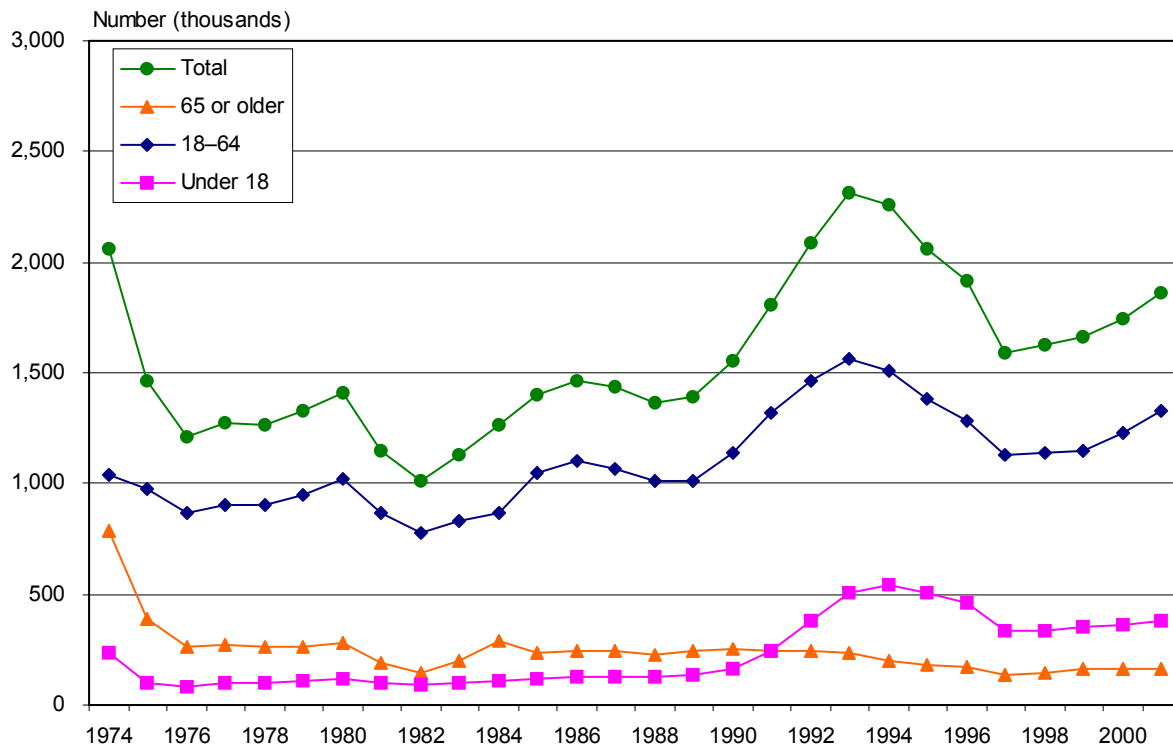
The number of SSI recipients has increased since 1984, with recipients aged 18 to 64 accounting for most of that growth. The number of children under age 18 receiving SSI rose steadily through the 1990s, reaching nearly a million in 1996, but has declined slightly since 1998. The number of aged recipients has hovered around 2 million since 1982.



SOURCE: Table 3.

Chart 3.
Number of SSI applications received, by age, 1974–2001

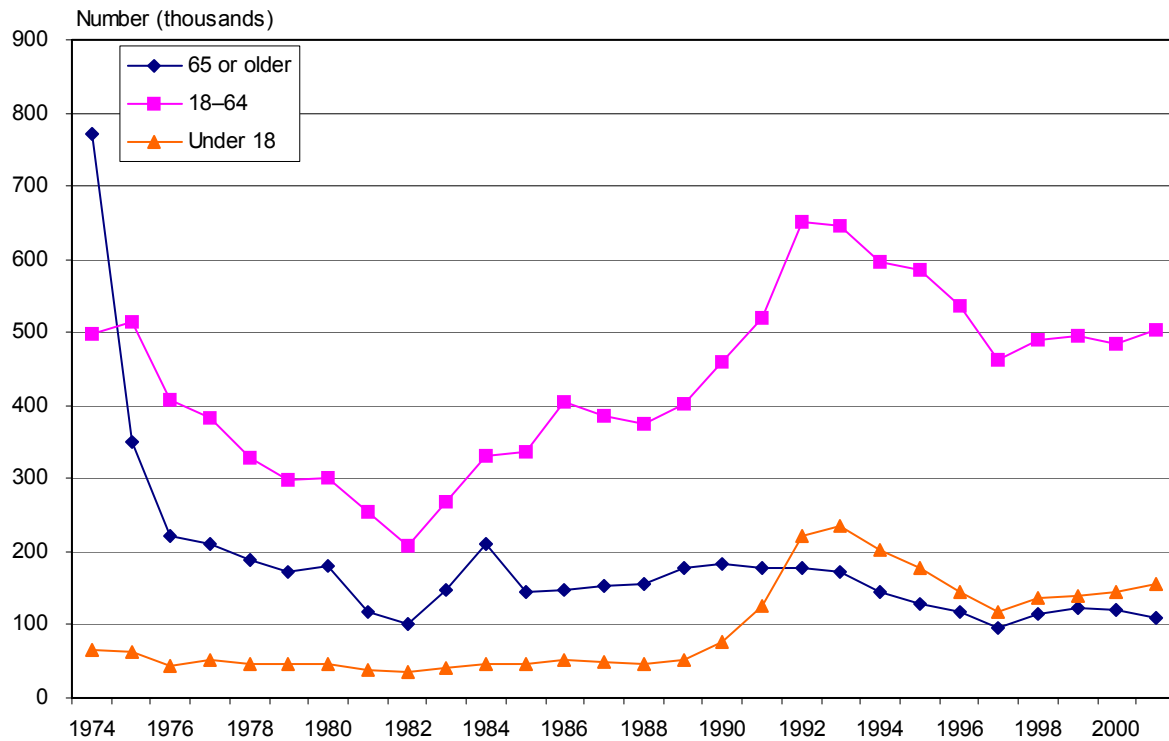
The number of applications has alternately risen and fallen since 1974 and totaled 1.9 million in 2001. Applications peaked in 1993 for disabled adults (almost 1.6 million) and in 1994 for children (about 550,000). Applications for aged recipients have declined steadily over time.



SOURCE: Table 39.

Chart 4.
Number of SSI awards, by age, 1974–2001

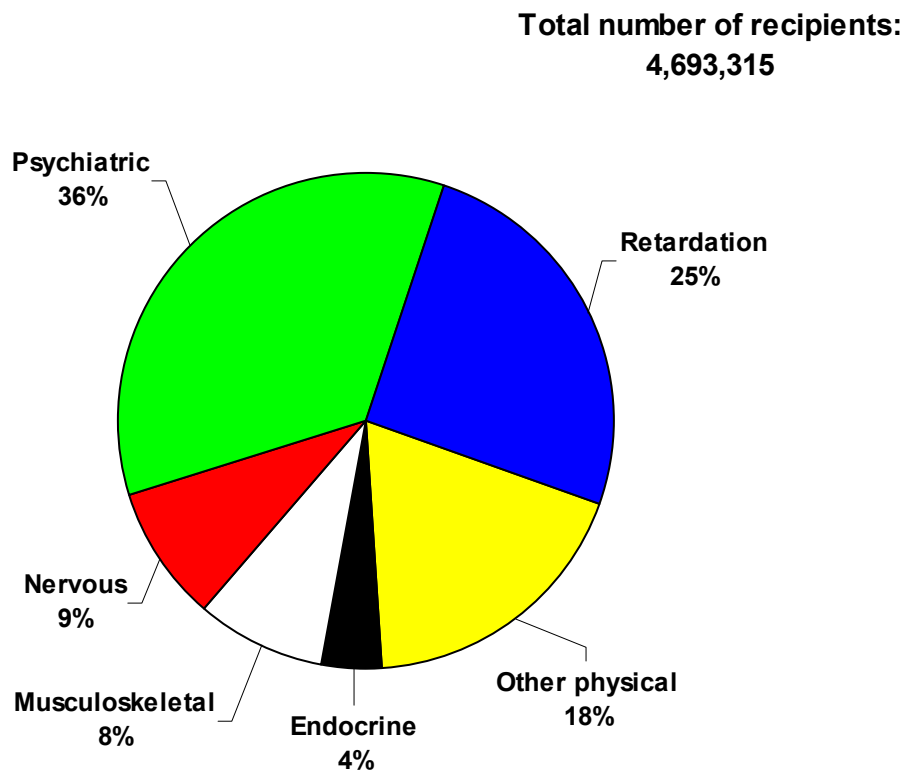
SSI awards, like applications, have fluctuated over time. The largest increase occurred in 1992 to 1993 for awards to adults aged 18 to 64. Awards to children peaked in 1993, fell sharply through 1997, and have increased slightly since then. Awards to persons aged 65 or older have dropped from a high of 760,000 in 1974 to just over 100,000 in 2001.



SOURCE: Table 44.

Chart 5.
SSI blind and disabled recipients under age 65, by diagnosis, December 2001

In December 2001, almost 4.7 million people were under age 65 and receiving payments because of a disability. Mental illness was the most common diagnosis: 36 percent had a psychiatric illness and 25 percent had mental retardation. The largest categories of physical disability were the nervous system (9 percent), musculoskeletal system (8 percent), and endocrine system (4 percent).



SOURCE: Table 22.